



## **MEDIA RELEASE UPDATE**

### **City of Fond du Lac Police Department**

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For Immediate Release



### **“SWATTING” CALL LEADS TO POLICE RESPONSE AND ARREST**

On Friday January 18, 2019 at approximately 9:55 p.m., Fond du Lac Police were called to an address in the 100 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for a report from a male caller stating that a male subject was inside the basement of the residence with a gun holding a female hostage. The phone line then disconnected. Upon the 911 center calling the number back, it went directly to voice mail. Officers arrived and set up a perimeter around the residence and cordoned off the area. The Fond du Lac Police Department SWAT team responded to the scene. Contact was made with four occupants inside the residence who were taken into custody for questioning. The residence was searched by the SWAT team and no victim's or other subjects were located inside the residence. The call appeared to be a false report of a hostage situation to trigger a large police presence and SWAT response in what is commonly referred to as “SWATTING”.

Officers were able to track down the source of the false 911 call and arrested a 27-year-old Fond du Lac man at a residence in the 100 block of E 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The suspect is currently being held in the Fond du Lac County Jail on numerous charges.

Fond du Lac Police were assisted at the scene by Fond du Lac Fire and Rescue.

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